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METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 2, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A petition for an extension of time is submitted with this paper to make this paper timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

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